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HANDLE VIA TALENT [REDACTED] CONTROL SYSTEM

31 October 1962

MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director (Research)
Central Intelligence Agency

SUBJECT : Drone Reconnaissance

REFERENCE : (a) USIB-D-41.5/27, 8 October 1962
(b) USIB-M-238, Item 6, 17 October 1962

1. Based upon our discussions at the time it was issued, the memorandum from National Reconnaissance Office (NRO) in reference (a) concerning the use of FIRE FLY for ELINT collection over Cuba has been deferred on the USIB agenda, pending the expected receipt of a companion report by NRO on the use of FIRE FLY for photographic collection.

2. In the meantime, pursuant to USIB action in reference (b), COMOR has been authorized and directed to keep up to date the requirements, targets and their relative priorities for over-flight of Cuba, and to keep USIB members, NRO and appropriate operational authorities currently informed.

3. As regards the last paragraph of Dr. Charyk's memorandum in reference (a), the "Joint Evaluations of Soviet Missile Threat in Cuba," prepared daily beginning 18 October by OMAIC, JAEIC and NPIC pursuant to USIB directive, have provided current reports on the operational status of the Cuban SA-2 system.

4. It would be appreciated if you would confer with NRO and advise me of the current status and appropriate handling as far as USIB is concerned of reference (a) and any related reports which NRO may have in preparation for USIB consideration.

cc: Chairman, COMOR

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